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DEVICE :

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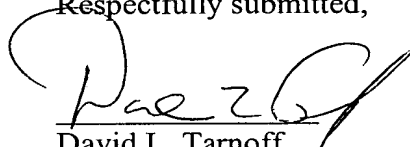
European Patent Publication No. 1 087 114 discloses a method for controlling the regeneration of a particulate filter. The disclosed method use the journey time (t) and/or the distance traveled (s) since the last regeneration as a condition factor (z).

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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